

# MIT Student Remains Missing, Search Still Shows No Progress

By Jenny Zhang  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Almost five weeks after Daniel S. Mun '05 disappeared, there is still no indication of his whereabouts, said Arthur L. Jones, director of the MIT News Office.

Mun, a resident of the Chi Phi fraternity, has been missing since the early morning of Dec. 4, a day before a heavy snowstorm hit the Boston area.

"Everything is ongoing and the police are doing their work," Jones said. He said that the MIT police are spearheading the search, which includes periodically checking the river and its banks, area hospitals, and any places Mun frequented.

Senior Associate Dean Robert M. Randolph said that he thinks the checks will be done weekly.

"We'll have to make some decision [about the ongoing investigation] at the end of IAP if nothing has come up" by that time, Jones said.

"We have been in touch with Daniel's parents on a regular basis,

two times a week," Jones said. He said that Mun's Visa credit card and passport are being monitored, but that no new information has emerged.

Mun's father, Andrew (Kyung) Mun, said that he visited MIT in mid-December to talk with the MIT police and Dean Randolph.

Mun said that during his visit, he met with MIT police and "discussed a lot of possible scenarios," but that he has no idea what happened.

John E. Driscoll, deputy chief of the MIT police, referred questions about the investigation to Jones.

**No evidence of foul play exists**

Jones said that there is no evidence indicating that foul play was involved in Mun's disappearance.

"We talked to his family and the fraternity, and there is no reason to believe that foul play is involved," Randolph said. "We don't think he was kidnapped."

When asked about his comment in a Dec. 17 *Boston Globe* article that Mun could have done harm to

himself, Randolph said that Mun had "left some indication in writing that he could have harmed himself." He said that it was not clear what Mun might have done, and that he would not discuss the matter in more detail for privacy reasons.

Lowery D. Duvall '05, the Chi Phi president, said that Mun, who was also known as Dong, had been behaving normally before his disappearance and did not appear to be depressed. "There is no information. We almost fear for the worst," he said.

**Postering may begin soon**

Duvall said that about a week after Mun's disappearance, the fraternity brought up the idea of putting up posters with information about Mun.

At that time, he said, they were told that it might be premature. "The police thought that it might not be the best time," he said. Duvall said that postering could begin soon.

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# Sullivan Elected to Second Term as Mayor of Cambridge on First Ballot

By Frank Dabek  
STAFF REPORTER

Michael A. Sullivan was elected to a second consecutive term as mayor of Cambridge by his fellow city councillors at Monday's inaugural council meeting. Sullivan defeated a bid by perennial mayoral hopeful Henrietta Davis and was elected in a 5-4 initial vote.

In a brief address following his election, Sullivan reflected on the

council's work over the past two years (all nine members of the council were re-elected in November), with particular focus on the relationship between Cambridge and local universities. "Sure as heck we have a long way to go" towards better town-gown relationships, Sullivan said.

Under Cambridge's "Plan E" government, the mayor is elected by the city council from their member-

ship. The position is mostly ceremonial but the mayor is, notably, chair of the school committee.

Councillor Marjorie Decker was elected as vice chair of the council in a vote that was, as amended, unanimous.

**Election marked by deals**

Sullivan's election was not without the political fireworks and back-

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# DKE Fraternity Split Up Into Small Groups



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

The windows of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity are dark on Tuesday night. The brothers of DKE have moved out of their house at 403 Memorial Drive as a result of sanctions imposed by the Interfraternity Council and the Cambridge License Commission.

By Gireeja Ranade  
STAFF REPORTER

All members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity have secured housing for the spring term, said J. Brandon Hohm, president of DKE.

Director of Housing Karen A. Nilsson said that many of the stu-

dents have located housing off campus and in other fraternities or independent living groups. MIT has accommodated all the remaining fraternity members in on-campus residence halls, she said.

Eleven DKE students will be

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# Arthur R. von Hippel

By Derek Rose  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

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Arthur R. von Hippel, a pioneer in the field of material science who

founded the Laboratory for Insulation Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died Wednesday of complications of the flu.

He was 105.

While at MIT during World War II, von Hippel's laboratory made critical contributions to the development of radar, according to his son Eric A. von Hippel of Cambridge. He received the certificate of merit from the U.S. president in 1948, according to his son. After World War II, von Hippel became a leader in the relatively new field of the study of materials. His laboratory produced about 60 doctoral graduates.

In recognition of his contributions, the Materials Research Society established the Von Hippel Award as its highest honor in 1976. Born in Rostock, Germany, in 1898, von Hippel studied physics and then joined a physics institute headed by Nobel Prize laureate James Franck. In 1930 von Hippel married Franck's daughter, Dagmar. In 1933, after Hitler came to power, von Hippel left Germany. He worked at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen and was recruited for the faculty of MIT.

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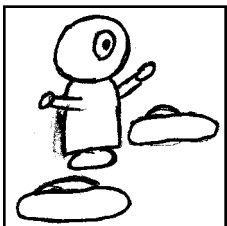
FRANK DABEK—THE TECH

(right) Unidentified hackers assemble a replica of the Wright Flyer on the Great Dome in the early morning hours of Dec. 17. (above) The Flyer, complete with a dummy strapped into the pilot's position, was constructed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wrights' first flight.



Ballroom Dance takes 35 ribbons in latest meet.

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# WORLD & NATION

## U.S. to Release 506 Iraqi Detainees

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

The U.S.-led government is expected to announce on Wednesday that it will release 506 detainees in Iraq who still pose “some risk” but who have not engaged in violence against occupation forces, senior military and government officials said Tuesday.

“We’re talking about low-level detainees, what we call minor violators, who have not been involved in organizing or executing any violence against the coalition or Iraqis,” a senior military official said.

The detainees will be released after they vow not to commit violent acts. A prominent member of the community must promise to take responsibility for the behavior of each detainee released. The first 100 will be released on Thursday, and the rest in the next several weeks, the officials said.

The officials said many of these detainees were being held because of their association with activities or people in the insurgency against the occupation, rather than because of any direct involvement.

## Chinese Officials Destroying Market Animals in SARS Battle

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GUANGZHOU, CHINA

The Xinyuan wild game market reeks of animal waste and death. Trucks arrive daily with animals jammed into cages — cats, dogs, pigeons, boars, ostriches, even rats. The people who work in the market live in cages, too. They sleep above their shops, in tiny lofts with bars for walls.

When they awoke on Tuesday they ran squarely into the local government’s new war against SARS. Animal control officers in masks and smocks confiscated 148 animals, including civets, which some scientists believe are SARS carriers. The animals, relatives of the mongoose that would have ended up as a stew on local menus, earned no reprieve.

“All of them will be killed today,” said Lian Junhang, a local forestry bureau official overseeing the roundup at Xinyuan.

The resolve of officials here in Guangdong province to slaughter an estimated 10,000 civets and other animals as a preventative measure against SARS was on vivid display Tuesday. Even as international health officials urged caution, Chinese media reported that local health workers in protective suits and goggles were plunging caged civets into pools of water and drowning them.

## Bomb Blasts Kill 17 in Afghanistan

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

At least 17 people were killed and dozens injured, many of them children, in a double bomb blast in the southern city of Kandahar on Tuesday, local officials said. The bombing came just one day after the country triumphantly adopted a new constitution.

The governor of Kandahar, Yousuf Pashtun, blamed the Taliban movement for the explosions, which took place in the middle of the day within minutes of each other. “They are terrorists, they are coming from Pakistan and they are killing innocent people,” he said in comments to Kandahar Television.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack as an “act of cruelty and barbarism” and said it would only strengthen his resolve to fight terrorism in Afghanistan.

A statement from his office said that at least eight children were among the dead.

The first bomb exploded inside a gas cylinder and was far less damaging, injuring no one. The second was far bigger and went off 10 to 15 minutes later in the same place, wounding the many people who had gathered following the first blast, said the head of the police investigation department in Kandahar, Muhammad Nabi Majrooh.

# India, Pakistan Start Talks On Disputed Region Kashmir

By Amy Waldman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Two years after nearly going to war, India and Pakistan announced Tuesday that they had agreed to restart formal peace talks in February, an extraordinary turn in relations between two countries — and nuclear powers — that have been at odds for more than half a century.

A joint statement released by the two countries’ foreign ministers said they had agreed to a “composite dialogue” on all bilateral issues, including the disputed, and divided, territory of Kashmir.

Pakistan, which has backed an Islamic separatist insurgency against India in Kashmir, said it would not permit Pakistani territory to be used to support terrorism, its first such direct assurance to India.

Since the two nations were carved out of the British Empire in 1947, Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan have gone to war three times. Both countries have nuclear arsenals, making their continuing tension perhaps the world’s most perilously volatile relationship.

The agreement on the joint statement — largely unexpected

heading into a regional summit meeting last weekend — came after an hourlong meeting between India’s prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Pakistan’s president, General Pervez Musharraf, on Monday, and other less publicized negotiations by both sides. It was sealed by a phone call from Vajpayee to Musharraf on Tuesday morning.

“History has been made,” Musharraf said in a press conference at the presidential palace after the agreement was announced. “We never reached in the past where we have reached now.”

In the six simple paragraphs released Tuesday, the two leaders managed to stitch a mutual satisfaction that had eluded them for years.

For each leader, Tuesday’s statement represented a culmination of processes unleashed by both personal vision and geopolitical pressure. In a speech last April, Vajpayee, 79, who has long made clear that he would like peace with Pakistan to be his legacy, offered India’s neighbor a “hand of friendship” after almost two years of estrangement, saying he wanted to make one last attempt at peace.

Musharraf pledged to crack

down on militants whom Pakistan has long supported and who have been blamed for at least one of the two assassination attempts that nearly killed him last month. His assurance appears to complete the U-turn he made after Sept. 11, 2001, when he abandoned Pakistan’s support for the Taliban government in Afghanistan and instead pledged it to the American hunt for al-Qaida.

In turn, Pakistan won the dialogue it has long sought on Kashmir, the former princely state that acceded to mostly Hindu India at the time of the 1947 Partition. Pakistan, which is majority Muslim, has insisted for more than a half-century on the right of self-determination for the mostly Muslim Kashmiris, or at least discussion over their status.

“Prime Minister Vajpayee said that in order to take forward and sustain the dialogue process, violence, hostility, and terrorism must be prevented,” the joint statement said. “President Musharraf reassured Prime Minister Vajpayee that he will not permit any territory under Pakistan’s control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.”

# Undocumented Workers to Get Legal Status in New Bush Plan

By Elisabeth Bumiller

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush will announce a sweeping expansion of the nation’s immigration laws on Wednesday that could give legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States, senior administration officials said Tuesday night.

Under Bush’s proposal, which effectively amounts to an amnesty program for illegal immigrants with jobs in the United States, an undocumented worker could apply for temporary worker status here for up to six years, with all the employee benefits, such as minimum wage and due process, accorded to those legally employed.

Workers who are approved

would be permitted to travel freely between the United States and their home countries, the officials said, and also could apply for a green card granting permanent residency in the United States.

Administration officials said Bush would also propose increasing the number of green cards issued each year, which is now about 140,000, but they did not provide a specific number. The administration officials, who briefed reporters in a conference call Tuesday night, would only say that Bush would ask for a “reasonable increase.”

Under Bush’s proposals, workers in other countries could also apply for guest worker status in the United States, provided there was no American to take the job.

Bush’s proposal, one administration official said, would “match willing workers with willing employers” and “promote compassion” by fixing what one called “a broken system.”

The president’s proposals were designed to appeal to Hispanic groups, a critical constituency that the White House has targeted as Bush seeks re-election this year. The proposals will also be embraced by President Vicente Fox of Mexico, who has been lobbying for them for the past three years.

Bush is to meet with Fox at an economic summit next week in Monterrey, Mexico, where immigration will be a significant part of the agenda and Bush’s proposals are likely to become a major focus.

# WEATHER

## Cold

By Nikki Privé

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

*“A chill no coat, however stout,  
Of homespun stuff could quite shut out,  
A hard, dull bitterness of cold,  
That checked, mid-vein, the circling race  
Of life-blood in the sharpened face...”*  
— John Greenleaf Whittier

After a cold front with possible snow squalls moves past the Boston area today, a region of high pressure is expected to linger for the remainder of the week. With cold air draining into the region from Canada, temperatures will drop to the coldest of the winter so far, with bitter wind chills below 0°F. The temperature will remain below freezing until at least Sunday, which will see a brief moderation in temperatures before a likely return to the deep freeze next week. Skies will remain clear through the weekend, with the first chance of wintry precipitation early next week.

### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Cloudy and blustery, chance of snow squalls, highs around 25°F (–4°C), wind chill to 0°F (–18°C).

**Tonight:** Clearing overnight, cold, continued windy. Lows around 10°F (–12°C), wind chill –5 to –10°F (–23°C).

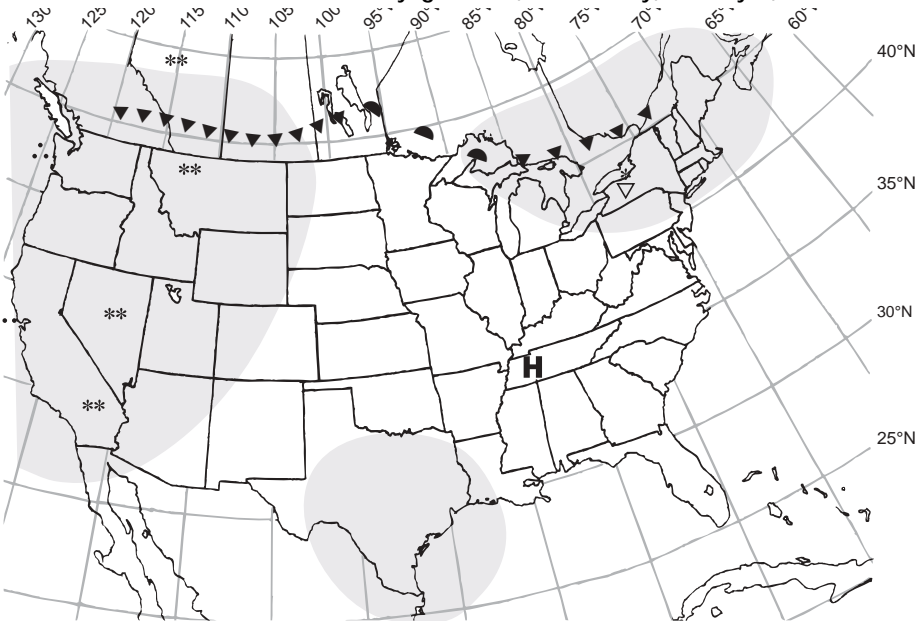
**Thursday:** Sunny, breezy, high around 17°F (–8°C), wind chill to –5°F (–20°C). Clear and cold overnight, lows around 5°F (–15°C), wind chill to –15°F (–26°C).

**Friday:** Sunny, highs near 18°F (–8°C), low from 0 to 5°F (–17°C).

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, highs near 18°F (–8°C), low 0°F (–17°C).

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, not as cold, highs about 29°F (–2°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Wednesday, January 7, 2004



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
<b>H</b> High Pressure	Trough	Snow	Fog
<b>L</b> Low Pressure	Warm Front	Rain	Thunderstorm
Hurricane	Cold Front	Light	Haze
	Stationary Front	Moderate	
		Heavy	

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# Images From Mars Mission Awe Scientists With Dusty Red Vista

By John Noble Wilford  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
PASADENA, CA

The first color photography of the Spirit mission, made public on Tuesday, showed that the robotic rover was resting on a broad, ruddy plain of Mars among gray rocks of all sizes and shapes, streaks of windblown dust tracks, a patch of cohesive soil that looks like mud but cannot be and hills set against a pink sky on the distant horizon. Scientists used words like “bizarre” and “shock and awe” to describe the scene. Planners of the exploring excursions, set to begin early next week, saw nothing on the landscape to impede the 400-pound, six-wheel rover’s wide-ranging maneuvers.

“We don’t think we are going to have problems driving there,” Jennifer Trosper, the manager for the Spirit’s surface operations here at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said at a news conference. “We can easily drive over or around the rocks, and be able to drive long dis-

tances.” Although smooth and angular rocks littered the surface everywhere, nearly all of them appeared to range in size from pebbles to chunks no more than a few inches wide. The only imposing one in the distance, scientists said, could be the size of a Volkswagen. Projecting the color picture on a large screen, Dr. Jim Bell of Cornell, who directed the panorama camera operations, said, “This is spectacular, but not the best this camera can do.”

Bell said that the mosaic of pictures represented only one-eighth of the 360-degree panorama of the site at Gusev crater, an arid basin that scientists think held a lake in an ancient epoch when Mars presumably had an abundance of liquid water. The full panorama is expected to be completed in about four days. The later transmissions of picture data will be enhanced, he said, for even greater definition and clarity.

The first picture encompassed

the view south from the Spirit, and one of the most intriguing and puzzling aspects so far was right at the Spirit’s front door, so to speak. Dr. Steven W. Squyres of Cornell, the mission’s principal science investigator, pointed to a patch of apparently cohesive soil that is “very, very strange, not like anything I have seen before.” From all evidence, the Martian surface is bone dry, though there is indirect evidence for subsurface water, possibly in the form of permafrost. So one possibility, Squyres suggested, is that the cohesive soil was created by moisture rising from depths and evaporating at the surface, leaving a kind of salty crust. But he and other scientists cautioned against speculation about the nature of the crustlike spot until the rover could dig in and conduct scientific tests.

“It looks like mud, but it can’t be mud,” Squyres said. “It holds together well. I don’t know what it is. I’m not even prepared to speculate.”

# Catholic Bishops Affirm Promises Of Change Following Recent Audit

By Michael Paulson  
*THE BOSTON GLOBE*  
WASHINGTON

U.S. Catholic bishops, whose credibility tumbled after revelations that many of them repeatedly failed to protect children from sexually abusive priests, are honoring a promise to report all allegations of abuse to civil authorities and to remove abusive priests from ministry, according to an unprecedented audit of the nation’s largest religious denomination. The audit, funded and coordinated by the church, but conducted by a team of mostly retired FBI agents, found that about 90 percent of the nation’s 195 Roman Catholic and Eastern Rite dioceses are complying with the provisions of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” the church’s plan for preventing future abuse of minors and responding to abuse complaints. Church officials released the audit Tuesday, two years after a report in the *Boston Globe* about the Archdiocese of Boston’s repeated reassignment of abusive priest John J. Geoghan set off a nationwide scandal that led to the ouster of several hundred priests. The crisis also led to lawsuits that have cost the

church tens of millions of dollars, and changes in civil and church law aimed at protecting children. “Two years ago at this time, reports in one diocese of how incidents of sexual abuse of children and young people by priests were handled sparked a crisis that eventually engulfed the whole Catholic Church in the United States,” Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said at a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington. The bishops’ charter, he said, enacted “the steps to confront the tragic and terrible problem of sexual abuse of children and young people by clergy ... [and] I believe that these findings show that we bishops are keeping our word.” Victim advocacy groups were skeptical of the process, criticizing the audit as overly dependent on information offered by bishops and other church employees. The auditors, for example, did not have access to church personnel files. The organization Survivors First also said that auditors conducted too few interviews with victims. “Few church observers could have been surprised by today’s self-congratulatory self-evaluation, which shows the bishops continue to

place communication over cooperation,” said Mark Serrano of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. But the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights dismissed the concerns of “professional victims ... whom no reforms will ever satisfy,” and its president, William Donohue, declared “if an audit were taken of public school districts throughout the nation, it is not likely they would receive such a glowing report card.” Voice of the Faithful, the lay organization based in Newton, welcomed the audit, but its president James E. Post said, “Vigilance and much greater lay involvement are still required. It will take sustained efforts to change a system that has so badly failed children, parents, and the values our Church proclaims.” The audit, conducted by The Gavin Group Inc. of Winthrop, is the first major product of the National Review Board, a panel of laypeople chosen by Gregory to oversee the church’s response to the abuse crisis. The audit’s glowing findings were widely expected because its purpose was to help dioceses come into compliance with the charter, and the auditors told diocesan officials when they spotted problems and gave them a chance to fix them.

# Sept. 11 Memorial to Emphasize Loss And Void Left After Attack on Towers

By Glenn Collins  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
NEW YORK

The memorial at ground zero will be a teeming grove of trees above two deep reflecting pools within the outlines of the twin towers. At least that was the initial concept. For while the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. announced the winner of the competition to memorialize those slain at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and Feb. 26, 1993, on Tuesday it deferred a complete description of the design, its image, and access to its creators, until a high-profile unveiling planned for next week. This, the development corporation said, is because the winning entry — “Reflecting Absence,” by Michael Arad and Peter Walker — has, since its initial version was revealed in November, undergone “significant” changes, according to Kevin M. Rampe, the development corporation president. In making the selection from

eight finalists’ designs on Monday night, the memorial jury of 13, which had deliberated for more than six weeks, had requested revisions and enhancements sufficient to require a new set of models and drawings substantially different from the originals. The plan was something of a dark horse, edging out two other designs that were informal semifinalists last week: “Passages of Light: the Memorial Cloud”; and “Garden of Lights.” But individual jury members, when called for comment, declined to talk on the record about the selection process, saying that the development corporation had instructed them not to speak to the media. A written statement from the jury’s chairman, Vartan Gregorian, said that the winning design “has made the gaping voids left by the towers’ destruction the primary symbol of loss,” resulting in “a memorial that expresses both the incalculable loss of life and its regeneration.”

Some of the reaction to the choice was positive. “This is a bold, brave selection by the jury,” said Frederic Schwartz, a Manhattan architect who was a principal in a team of finalists in the master-plan competition. The design “will focus the discussion of the historical meaning of the sacred site,” he added, “and its emptiness will be filled by nature, by the sounds of our city, and people.” Victims’ families had varying reactions to the announcement. “The 1993 families are very happy to be included, replacing the memorial that was destroyed in 2001,” said Michael Macko, whose father, William Macko, 57, was one of six people killed on Feb. 26, 1993, when a truck filled with explosives was detonated in the parking garage of the north tower. He added: “I had some reservations about each of the memorial finalists, but I felt that if they selected any one of the eight, I would be happy.”

## New Doctors Choosing Specialties That Offer Banker’s Hours

*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
Jennifer C. Boldrick lights up when the topic turns to blisters, eczema, and skin cancer. She’s also a big fan of getting a full night of sleep. And it is the combination of these interests has led Boldrick to become part of a marked shift in the medical profession. Boldrick, 31, a graduate of Stanford University Medical School, is training to become a dermatologist. That field is one of the most competitive for new doctors, with a 40 percent increase in the number of people pursuing the field during the last five years. The vogue for cosmetic treatments like Botox may have helped dermatology acquire its newfound chic, but for young doctors it satisfies another longing. Today’s medical residents, half of them women, are emphasizing what experts call “controllable lifestyle” when selecting a specialty. Dermatologists typically don’t work nights or weekends, have decent control over their time and often get paid out-of-pocket, rather than having to deal with the hassles of insurance. “The surgery lifestyle is so much worse,” said Boldrick, who rejected a career in plastic surgery. “I want to have a family. And when you work 80 or 90 hours a week, you can’t even take care of yourself.” Other specialties also enjoying a surge in popularity are radiology, anesthesiology and even emergency-room medicine, which despite their differences all allow doctors to put work behind them when their shifts end, and make medicine less all-encompassing, more like a 9-to-5 job.

## Two French Workers Shot to Death in Iraq

*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
PARIS  
Two French citizens were killed Tuesday in Iraq, the first from this country to die as a result of the American-led war that France has vehemently opposed.

The two, who have not been identified, were apparently shot late Monday on a highway west of Baghdad after their vehicle broke down. Another French citizen traveling with them was reportedly wounded. The French Foreign Ministry said those killed were working in Iraq for an American company without the knowledge of the French government. It did not identify the company but cautioned other French nationals to register with the French government if they travel to Iraq. “These tragic facts lead us to repeat, as is stated under ‘travel warnings’ on the ministry’s Internet site, that it is absolutely imperative for all French expatriates who find themselves in Iraq to make themselves known to our consular authorities and the French Interests Section in Baghdad,” said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Herve Lad-sous.

## NY Police Shooting of Unarmed Man Settled for \$3 Million

*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
NEW YORK  
Almost five years after Amadou Diallo, an unarmed immigrant from West Africa, died in a hail of 41 police bullets in the Bronx, his family agreed Tuesday to a \$3 million settlement of its civil lawsuit against New York City.

The agreement ends an infamous case that led to a hotly contested state trial, a federal investigation and ultimately the dismantling of the Police Department’s elite Street Crime Unit. In widespread protests, dozens of politicians and others were arrested on civil-disobedience charges, and the bullet-ridden entrance of Diallo’s home became a symbol of the racial tensions renewed by the shooting. Just after midnight on Feb. 4, 1999, four police officers in the plainclothes Street Crime Unit confronted Diallo, a 22-year-old street vendor from Guinea, and fired 41 shots, hitting him 19 times as he stood in the doorway of his apartment in the Soundview section of the Bronx. The officers said later that they thought Diallo resembled a rape suspect and had drawn on a gun on them when they approached. The supposed gun turned out to be a wallet. After the officers were acquitted of murder, Diallo’s parents sued them and the city, saying that racial profiling by the Police Department was a cause of their son’s death.

## China Announces \$45 Billion Bailout of Two Banks

*THE NEW YORK TIMES*  
HONG KONG  
The Chinese government announced on Tuesday a complex transfer of \$45 billion from the country’s soaring foreign exchange reserves to two of the four big state-owned banks, the third such bailout in less than six years. The transaction is intended to help shore up the banks, the Bank of China and the China Construction Bank, so they can sell stock for the first time, said a statement by China’s central bank, the People’s Bank of China. The central bank admonished the banks to do a better job of controlling fraud and limiting bad loans. “When dealing with bad assets, they have to strictly investigate the responsibility of the related officials,” the central bank said. “They have to fight fiercely against those who have tried to run away from bank loans through illegal behavior.” Provincial and municipal governments put heavy pressure on local bank branches to approve loans to politically connected individuals and to money-losing state-owned enterprises that employ large numbers of people. The big four banks are trying to resolve the problem by centralizing their decisions on large loans and by installing computer systems to monitor lending patterns. Beijing forbids Chinese journalists from reporting on the full extent of the banks’ troubles, especially journalists for mass-media publications read by many depositors.



# OPINION

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With a search for MIT's next president already underway, it is important to remember President Vest as an anomaly of sorts. Though Vest continued the trend of scientists or engineers in the

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position, his five predecessors all had been part of the MIT community before serving as its chief, three of them obtaining their undergraduate education here. A return to this trend could prove to be a boon for the school.

In the realm of student life, an alum candidate would truly be able to shine. The unique and sometimes confusing sentiments shared by the student body seem to require someone with an innate understanding and respect for them. The same applies to the complex and diverse communities and cultures on campus. With such a perspective, an alum could soothe the anxieties of students and recent alumni who disagree with some of the student life decisions made during Vest's tenure.

In order to be successful, we believe it is necessary for the new president, whether he or she sports a brass rat or not, to have respect for the student body whose current and future welfare depend on their decisions. Too often have committees that touch some part of student life gone about wantonly changing policy without concern for the cultural institutions. A new president must begin to put student representatives in non-nominal roles on policy committees. We suggest going one better: that the student advisory committee for the presidential search be given voting power, alongside the faculty and corporation committees, in the final selection process.

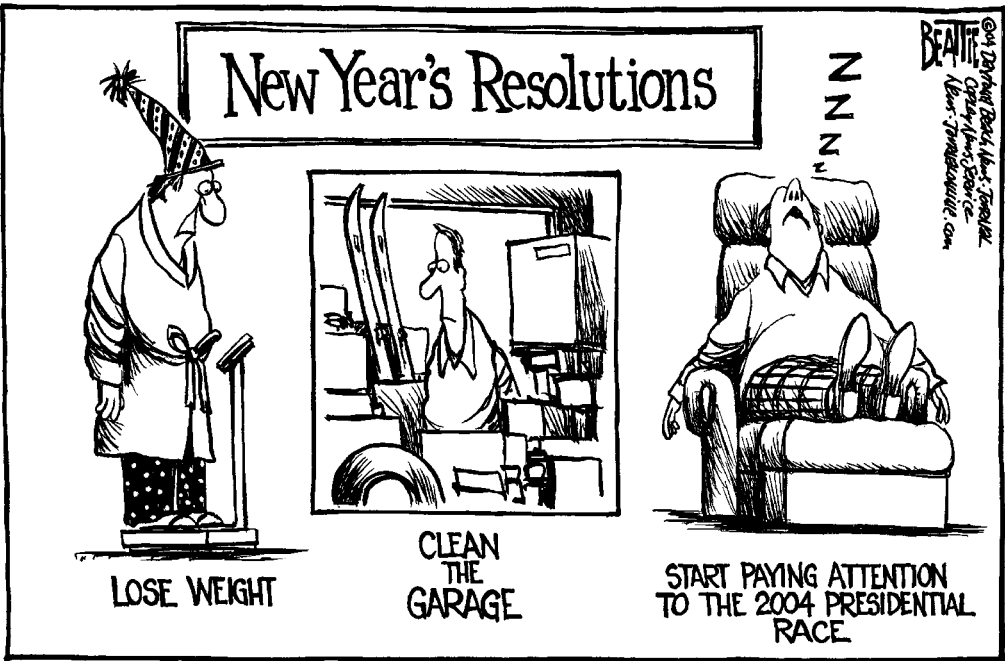
However, alum status is not a prerequisite for improving stu-

dent life. For example, University of Miami students speak highly of President Donna E. Shalala, an alumna of Syracuse University. She is able to keep relations with students in good condition by being a consistent presence at student-led campus events.

Indeed, alum status might be wholly unimportant to an equally pressing concern — a potential budget deficit that has required dramatic rises across the board, including an increase of graduate student health care costs. In order for MIT to remain an exceptional research institution, a good president must be able to continue President Vest's legacy of excellent fundraising. Even with a predicted upturn in MIT's financial situation, it is vital that the Institute be led by someone able to deal with the worst case scenario.

The new president of MIT should also have the ability to assemble a strong administrative team and to make connections with important peers. The president does not run the Institute on a day-to-day basis, but he or she must be able to hire the right people who can. They must also sustain and create new relationships locally, in Washington, and with leaders in emerging technologies in the public and private sectors. MIT has for decades been an ambassador for science and technology; the president must help to sell to the world the Institute's research in order to plant seeds for future funding.

This formula for presidential selection could easily be applied at any other school, but MIT's culture is particularly unique and deserves attention when the next president is ultimately chosen. We feel that nothing would honor President Vest more than if the students and faculty under his tenure made an excellent choice for someone to succeed him.



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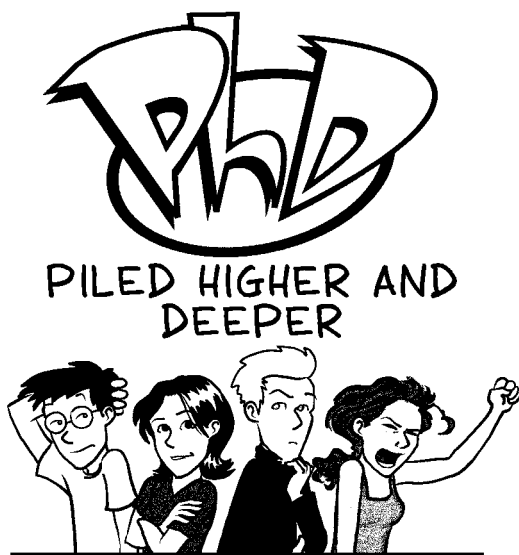
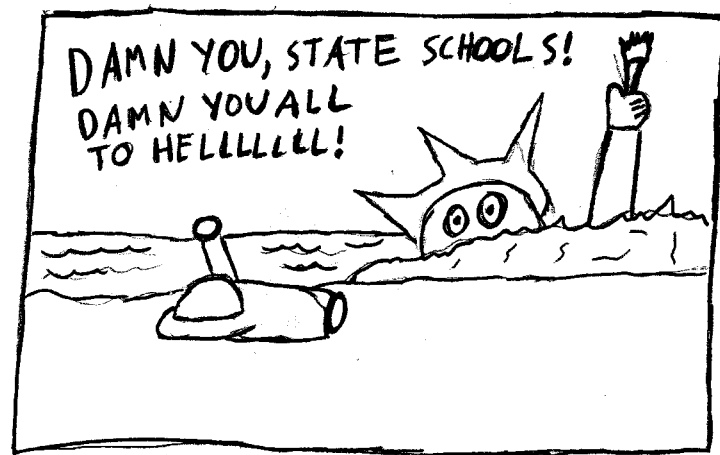
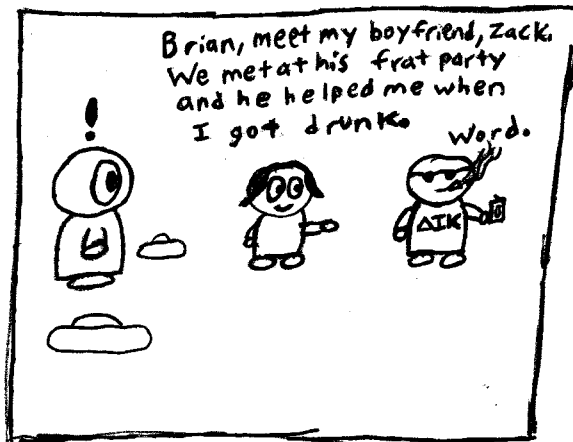
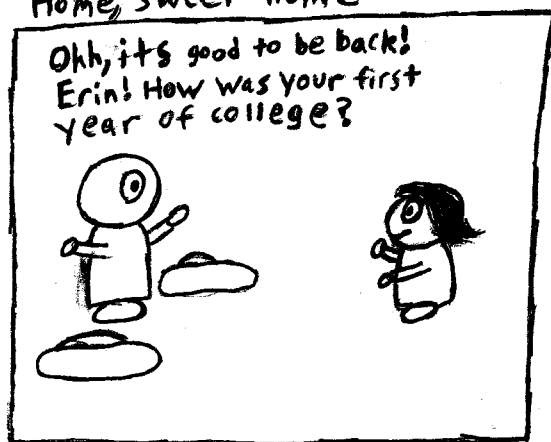
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## Home, sweet home



## Crossword Puzzle

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### ACROSS

- 1 Untidy state  
5 Enthusiastic player  
10 Beyond  
14 Part of HOMES  
15 Long, narrow ridge  
16 On the sheltered side  
17 Colorado tributary  
18 Locked like a lion  
19 Small valley  
20 Big Apple roundabout  
23 Possesses  
24 \_\_\_ v. Wade  
25 High-flyer of myth  
29 Backers  
34 "Unsafe at Any Speed" author  
35 Word of woe  
36 "My Gal \_\_\_"  
37 London landmark

- 41 Maris, casually  
42 "\_\_\_ la Douce"  
43 Incited  
44 Western Hemisphere  
47 Cruise ships  
48 Dead-eye  
49 Sawbuck  
50 Infamous SE Asian area  
58 Liquid weather  
59 Footlong containers  
60 Wander  
62 Lamentor's words  
63 Composer Blake  
64 Again  
65 Litigator  
66 Idyllic places  
67 Used to be

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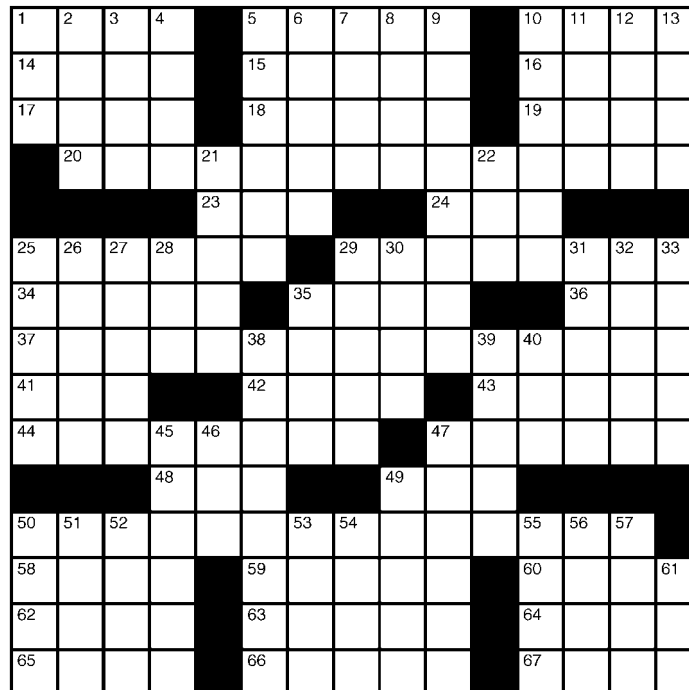
- 1 Actress Tilly  
2 Lindros of the

### NHL

- 3 Farm building  
4 Close tightly  
5 Greek letters  
6 Saudis and Omanis  
7 Waiter's handout  
8 Nice summers?  
9 Humanitarian organization  
10 San Diego team  
11 Baldwin or Guinness  
12 Put on the market  
13 Marketing opener  
21 "Star Trek" character  
22 Charged particle  
25 Mural starter  
26 Billiards shot  
27 Proverb  
28 Flag thrower  
29 Bangs shut  
30 Branch of the

### Amazon

- 31 Missouri tributary  
32 More unusual  
33 Winter coasters  
35 Taj Mahal site  
38 Card holder  
39 Aidan or Anthony  
40 Coffee server  
45 Comic Gilda  
46 Arctic surface  
47 Rental agreements  
49 Advertising connection  
50 Mardi \_\_\_  
51 Waikiki's island  
52 Citrus fruit  
53 Muffled sound  
54 Spa garment  
55 Get taller  
56 Tennis zero  
57 At all times  
61 Afore



FoxTrot

by Bill Amend

"CHEF'S SURPRISE."  
WONDERFUL.

GLOP!

HEY, THIS LOOKS  
ALMOST EDIBLE!

SURPRISE. WOOHOO!

WHAT ARE  
YOU  
DOING?

DAD TALKED  
ME INTO  
PLAYING CHESS  
WITH HIM  
TONIGHT.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE  
I'VE DONE THIS, SO I  
THOUGHT I'D GET IN  
SOME PRACTICE.

IF YOU DO THAT,  
YOU'LL LOSE IN  
SIX MOVES.

SEE? I TOLD  
YOU I  
WAS  
RUSTY.

I USED TO BE  
ABLE TO GET  
OUT OF THESE  
GAMES IN  
FOUR MOVES.

I WAS THINKING MAYBE  
WE COULD ORDER  
PIZZA FOR DINNER.

PIZZA?

ROGER, I'VE GOT THAT  
HUGE POT OF LEFTOVER  
TOFU AND EGGPLANT  
STEW IN THE FRIDGE.

IF WE DON'T  
EAT IT SOON,  
I'LL HAVE TO  
THROW IT OUT.

HELLO,  
DOMINICS?...  
DID YOU  
EVEN  
HEAR A  
WORD I  
SAID?!

MOM, YOU  
REALLY NEED  
A NEW MOUSE  
FOR YOUR  
COMPUTER.

JASON,  
NO, I  
DON'T.

I'M TIRED OF HEARING HOW  
ITS ROUND SHAPE DRIVES  
YOU CRAZY. I'M TIRED OF  
HEARING HOW ITS ONE  
BUTTON MESSES UP YOUR  
GAMING. I'M TIRED OF  
HEARING HOW IT DOESN'T  
HAVE A SCROLL  
WHEEL.

WHAT NEW LITTLE  
REASON ARE YOU  
GOING TO THROW  
AT ME TODAY?

QUINCY  
CHEWED  
THROUGH THE  
CABLE.

OK,  
MAYBE  
I DO.

THREE MORE  
DAYS UNTIL  
'RETURN OF  
THE KING'!

THREE MORE  
DAYS UNTIL  
'RETURN OF  
THE KING'!

THREE MORE  
DAYS UNTIL  
'RETURN OF  
THE KING'!

DUH. I  
BOUGHT  
MY TICKET  
BEFORE  
YOU DID.

ORLANDO BLOOM  
HAS RUINED  
EVERYTHING.

YOU CAN SIT  
WHEREVER YOU  
WANT, BUT I'M  
GOING FOR THE  
FRONT ROW.

WHY'S  
THAT?

THAT WAY I CAN SEE  
EVERY GRAIN OF EVERY  
FRAME OF EVERY EFFECTS  
SHOT. IT'S A NERD THING.  
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

I'M SITTING UP FRONT SO  
ORLANDO'S DREAMY EYES  
ARE AS BIG AS POSSIBLE.

MAYBE STILL, I BROUGHT  
THESE TO BE  
SURE.

IT'S  
TIME I  
EXPERIENCED  
THE BACK  
ROW.

I HOPE ORLANDO  
IS IN EVERY SHOT  
IN THIS MOVIE!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,  
LET ORLANDO BE IN  
EVERY SHOT!

YOU READ 'RETURN OF  
THE KING,' JASON—  
DOES TOLKIEN MENTION  
ORLANDO BLOOM A LOT?

YOU,  
WAIT, DON'T TELL  
ME! I WANT TO  
BE SURPRISED!

ORC  
ARROWS—  
PLEASE  
SHOOT ME.

HOLY  
CHARGING  
OLIPHAUNTS.  
TALK ABOUT  
EPIC.

SUPER  
EPIC.

TALK ABOUT  
SWEEPING AND  
EXHILARATING  
AND AWESOME.

SUPER  
AWE-  
SOME.

TALK ABOUT  
RAISING THE  
BAR FOR  
CINEMA.

SUPER  
RAISING  
IT.

I'M NOT  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
ORLANDO  
BLOOM'S  
CLOSE-UPS,  
BY THE  
WAY.

DON'T TELL ME  
YOU LIKED THAT  
FILLER STUFF  
ABOUT A RING.

STOP  
GUSHING  
ABOUT  
THE MOVIE!  
YOU AREN'T  
ALLOWED TO!

WHY  
NOT?

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS"  
FILMS ARE FOR PEOPLE LIKE  
ME TO LOVE! WE MEMO-  
RIZED THE BOOKS! WE MADE  
THE WEB SITES! WE DREW  
THE DETAILED MAPS OF  
OSGIATH ON OUR  
BINDERS!

BUT ORLANDO  
BLOOM IS MY...  
MY... PRECIOUS.

YOU AREN'T  
ALLOWED TO  
MAKE GOLLUM  
JOKES,  
EITHER!

WHO'S  
GOLLUM?

PAIGE LIKED  
'RETURN OF  
THE KING,'  
MOTHER!

So?

SO WHAT IF SHE'S JUST  
THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG?!  
WHAT IF EVERYONE THINKS  
IT'S GREAT?! WHAT IF BEING  
A "LORD OF THE RINGS"  
FANATIC BECOMES,  
YOU KNOW...

MAINSTREAM!?

I GUESS  
I CAN GO  
BACK TO  
"STAR WARS."

STAR  
WHAT?

CARE FOR A  
LITTLE  
EGGNOG?

ICK!  
BLEECH!  
GROSS!

THAT STUFF  
MAKES ME  
HURL!

WHOOOPS.  
I FORGOT.

CARE FOR  
A LOT OF  
EGGNOG?

DON'T MAKE  
ME HURL  
YOU.

YOU ASKED  
HIM TO HANG  
THE LIGHTS!

OUTSIDE!

I WONDER  
WHAT THIS  
COULD BE?

RATTLE  
RATTLE

KRNGTCH!

UH-OH. THAT  
SOUNDED LIKE  
SOMETHING BROKE.

THIS IS WHY  
I NEVER  
SHAKE MY  
OWN  
PRESENTS.

SMART.

OK, KIDS! YOU  
CAN COME DOWN AND  
OPEN PRESENTS NOW!

WOOHOO!  
YIPPEE!  
COWABUNGA!

KIDS? ARE  
YOU COMING?

YOU BLINKED,  
DAD. WE'RE  
FINISHED.

SEE YOU  
TONIGHT,  
SWEETIE.

WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING?

IN TO  
WORK.

I THOUGHT YOUR  
OFFICE WAS CLOSED  
TODAY.

I'LL PICK  
THE LOCK.

YOU GAVE JASON  
THAT UZI FOR  
CHRISTMAS.  
YOU'RE STAYING.

LOOK AT ME!  
I'M CAPTAIN  
HOOK!

LOOK AT ME!  
I'M SUPERMAN!

LOOK AT ME!  
I'M SALVADOR  
DALI WITH HALF  
A MUSTACHE!

LOOK AT ME!  
I'M  
ACTUALLY EATING  
MY CANDY CANE LIKE  
A NORMAL PERSON!

TRUST ME,  
PAIGE.  
IT'S NO USE.

NEED  
SOMETHING?

A KNIFE  
AND FORK.

THANKS.

YOU KNOW, YOU  
COULD PUT FEWER  
MARSHMALLOWS IN  
YOUR HOT CHOCOLATE.

YEAH,  
YEAH.

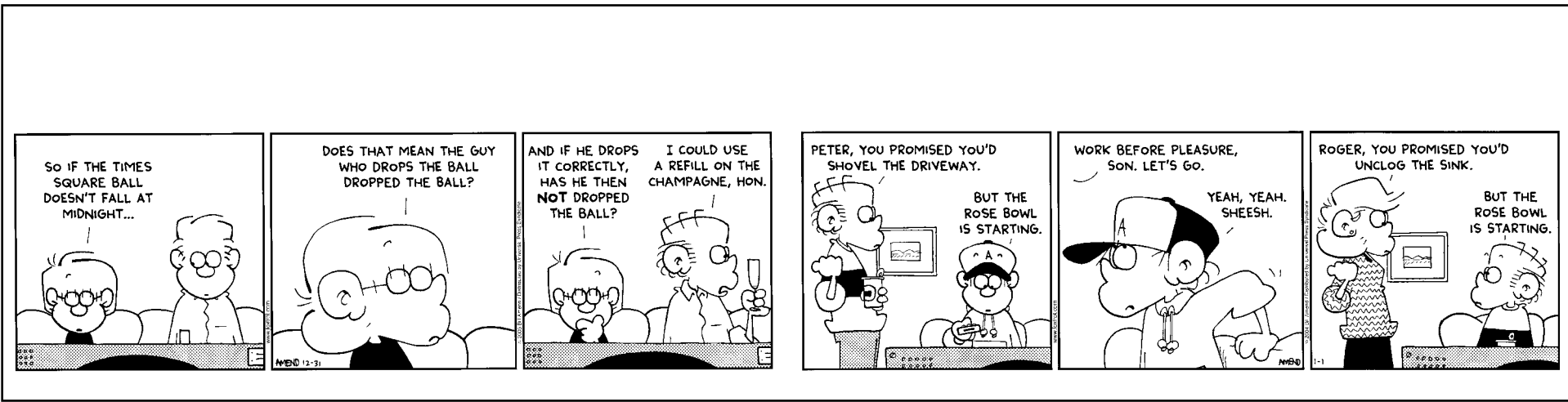
ANY NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTIONS  
PLANNED?

SEVERAL.

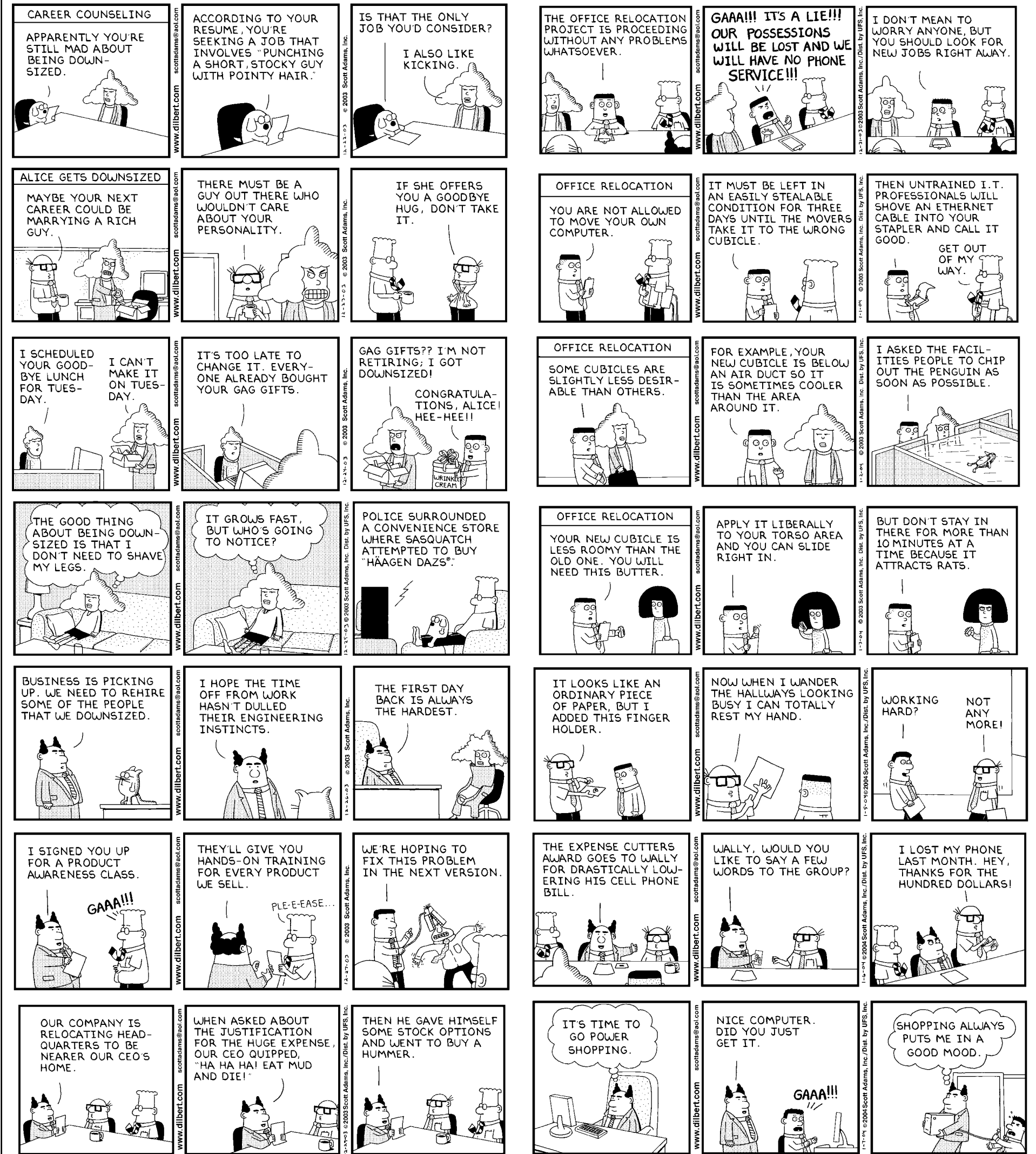
I'M GOING TO WIN THE VARSITY  
BASEBALL MVP, GET A PERFECT  
1600 SCORE ON MY SATS, AND  
MAKE MY BED EVERY MORNING  
BEFORE SCHOOL.

SHOULDN'T  
THEY BE AT  
LEAST  
MILDLY  
REALISTIC?

YOU'RE RIGHT.  
SCRATCH  
THAT LAST  
ONE.



# Dilbert® by Scott Adams





# Events Calendar

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## Wednesday, January 7

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Working Committee Meeting.** Free. Room: 68-121. Sponsor: EHS.

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – HFES Special Seminar — Complex Systems Insights Relevant to Large Engineering Projects.** Free. Room: 4-270. Sponsor: GSC Funding Board, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, MIT Student Chapter.

**12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers at Work - The Wednesday Group.** Interested in making a start on those New Year’s resolutions? Join our weekly Weight Watchers meeting focussing on weight loss, fitness and good health. Group members have a proven record of results. Cost is \$144 for the 13 week session. Payment and Registration takes place on January 7th, and the first weigh in meeting will follow on January 14th. Feel free to be in touch with any questions to [ww-n42@mit.edu](mailto:ww-n42@mit.edu). Room: 11-103. Sponsor: Provost’s Office.

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Chatter by the Charles Toastmasters Meeting.** At Toastmasters, we improve our communication and leadership skills through prepared and impromptu speaking opportunities. Gain confidence as a public speaker and have fun at the same time! Guests are always welcome at Chatter by the Charles meetings. Free. Room: E19-429. Sponsor: Toastmasters, MIT Organization and Employee Development, Human Resources, Training at MIT.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Isshinryu Karate Workout.** Traditional Okinawan Karate in a Small Club Environment. Free. Room: Rockwell Cage. Sponsor: Isshinryu Karate-do at MIT.

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Getting Money Out Of Politics.** Learn how we can get money out of politics by reviving the Clean Elections law in Massachusetts. Clean Elections reduces the influence of special interest money and provides a level playing field by offering qualified candidates a limited and equal amount of public funds. Free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Greens.

**5:10 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. – Worship Service (Holy Communion).** All students, staff and faculty are welcome at our weekly worship service. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – General Council Meeting.** Room: GSC Office, WalkerMemorial (Bldg. 50) Room 220. Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Acts. Free. Room: 66-369. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Start up Clinic.** Through our Start-up Clinics, attendees discover how to present a plan to potential investors. Two pre-selected companies present their business plans and receive feedback from a panel of experts and the audience over an informal dinner. The key learning points include how plans and presentations are evaluated; what investors and evaluators look for, and how to fine-tune plans and presentations. This clinic is most useful for entrepreneurs and companies who are beginning the fundraising process. Presenters must have full business plans. Pre-registration is required for this event. SEE WEBSITE FOR PRICING. Room: MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive E52, 6th Floor . Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Bible Study.** Weekly Bible study held by the Baptist Student Fellowship. Free. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Play Reading Series.** “Transit of Venus” by Maureen Hunter. Copies of each play will be available at each reading. Free. Room: 4-146. Sponsor: MIT Community Players.

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Tech Model Railroad Club Meeting.** This is an informal meeting when we design and build the layout and run trains. Visitors welcome. Students welcome to join. Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club.

**8:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Swing Dancing.** Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society, GSC Funding Board.

### Thursday, January 8

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – “From Bioinformatics to Biofabrication.”** CSBi 2004 Symposium! Free to MIT and students and faculty, \$50.00 with lunch. Room: Wong Auditorium E51. Sponsor: Computational & Systems Biology Initiative.

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – ATIC Lab Open House.** Our annual open house focuses on the latest technologies for persons with disabilities. Are you aware of alternative ways to take notes in class or read written material? Can you navigate around a computer without using a mouse, a keyboard, or the monitor? We can show you how! Come to the lab and see Braille translation, screen reading, magnification, scanning and reading, voice recognition software, and more. Free. Room: 7-143. Sponsor: Information Systems, ATIC Lab.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – SAPweb: Purchasing on the Web.** This course covers all aspects of using SAPweb for purchasing, including requisitioning from external vendors and internal providers, as well as ordering from Partner Vendors’ online catalogs. Topics include: Business rules governing requisitions, creating and displaying requisitions in SAPweb, accessing Partner Vendors’ online catalogs. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – English Bible Class.** You are welcome to attend this free Bible class led by Barbara Beevers of Baptist Campus Ministry. International spouses are welcome especially, but open to all. Come practice English, ask questions and make friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Kanan Makiya on Saddam and the Future of Iraq.** A CIS Starr Forum event with Kanan Makiya, Professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at Brandeis University. Makiya, who was born in Baghdad and is an architecture graduate of MIT, left architecture in 1981 to write “Republic of Fear,” about Saddam Hussein’s Iraq. He later wrote “Cruelty and Silence: War, Tyranny, Uprising and the Arab World.” In 1992, he was convenor of the Human Rights Committee of the Iraqi National Congress, a transitional parliament based in northern Iraq. He heads up the Iraq Research and Documentation Project at Harvard. Free. Room: Killian Hall (14W-111). Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers at Work!** Room: 8-219. Sponsor: Weight Watchers.

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Free Conversational English Class.** International students, scholars and spouses are welcome to attend a free conversational English class. Come exchange culture, learn about American culture and holidays and make lasting friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Introduction to Allopathy — The Unique Philosophy of Modern Western Medicine.** Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Teaching Doctors the Chemistry they Ought to Know.** Two years of undergraduate chemistry is required before matriculating in medical school. Many of

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the concepts taught in general and organic chemistry are not directly related to understanding human biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, and chemo-pharmacology. Perhaps these are merely challenging hurdles, but then shouldn’t more attention be paid to whom they prevent from becoming doctors? Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Science Fiction & The Environment.** Silent Running. Free. Room: 1-379. Sponsor: Dept. of Urban Studies.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – Why Management Consulting Firms Hire PhDs .** This series of talks by MIT alumni will demonstrate a range of satisfying professional roles in which PhDs may use their training. Intended for prospective PhDs but anyone interested is welcome to attend. <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/> Contact Hannah Bernstein (12-170, x3-4733, [hannahb@mit.edu](mailto:hannahb@mit.edu)) . Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Hydrology Seminar.** Free. Room: NE20-285. Sponsor: Civil and Environmental Engineering, Parsons Lab (general).

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Grad Student Bible Study for Absolute Beginners.** Weekly informal Bible study for grad students; refreshments provided; lgbt welcome. Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

**6:03 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Weekly meetings.** Regular meeting of the core group at the Muddy Charles. Free. Room: Muddy Charles. Sponsor: Techlink.

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study.** Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Ephesians. Free. Room: NW86-560. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**7:00 p.m. – Varsity Men’s Basketball vs. Emmanuel.** Free. Room: Rockwell Cage.

**7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Rainbow Coffeehouse Dinner & Movie Night.** The Rainbow Coffeehouse is premiering Part One of the recent television mega-event, ‘Angels in America.’ Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Rainbow Lounge, followed by the screening at 7:30pm in 2-139. Free. Rooms: 50 -306 and 2-139. Sponsor: Rainbow Coffeehouse, GSC Funding Board.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Chess Club Meeting.** A prominent player of the club will talk about some ideas in the opening. Then it will be designated time for play! Free. Room: Student Center, PDR 1&2. Sponsor: Chess Club.

**8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Underwater Hockey.** The MIT SCUBA Club invites all to participate in Underwater Hockey. Underwater Hockey is an exciting co-ed sport played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. Free. Room: Z-pool. Sponsor: Scuba Club.

## Friday, January 9

**5:00 a.m. – \$30K Lemelson-MIT Student Prize.** An annual \$30,000 award presented to an MIT senior or graduate student who demonstrates remarkable inventiveness. Applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. today. Free. Room: E60-215. Sponsor: Lemelson-MIT Program.

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – IAP UROP Paperwork Deadline.** All IAP UROP paperwork must be submitted to our office by 5 p.m. today. Free. Room: 7-104. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center, UROP.

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – From Bioinformatics to Biofabrication.** Room: Wong Auditorium E51, Cambridge, MA . Sponsor: CSBi - Computational & Systems Biology Initiative.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Writers Group.** New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. Free. Room: 14N-417. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Excel Quick Start.** This course presents an overview of Excel’s basic functions, as well as some of its more powerful features and capabilities. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

**1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. – Muslim Friday Prayer.** Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. E-mail [msa-ec@mit.edu](mailto:msa-ec@mit.edu) for more information. Free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim students’ Association.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – For PhDs: Manager, Researcher, or Professor?** Are you undecided about whether you want a career in academia, research, or management? Professor Baird offers a thought-provoking look at some of the differences between the role of manager, researcher or professor. This presentation can help you to better understand what motivates you in a career and to examine some of the contextual realities of these professions. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

**6:00 p.m. – Shabbat Services & Dinner.** Celebrate Shabbat. MIT Hillel’s three religious communities hold Shabbat services at 6:00 p.m. (Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform) A community Shabbat dinner follows at 7:00 p.m. Cost for dinner only. Room: Religious Activities Center. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Apologetics.** How Should We Approach Matters of ‘Faith’? These classes will be a journey into the most fundamental questions we can ask ourselves, looking at how the Christian faith seeks to answer them. We’ll discuss such questions as: Is there any meaning to life? What does science tell us about the nature of reality? Can a good God really exist if there is evil in the world? Can our powers of reason help us in the search for answers to all these questions? What evidence does Christian theism offer as rational justification? Free. Room: W20-306. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

**7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. – MIT Anime Club Weekly Showing.** The MIT Anime Club shows the best of both recent and classic Japanese animation. Showings are open to the public. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT, UA Finance Board.

**7:00 p.m. – Varsity Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Holy Cross.** Free. Room: Johnson Ice Rink.

**7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Films: “The Last Zapatistas” (Mexico).** In the Mexican Revolution of 1910, Emiliano Zapata led an army composed of peasants & indigenous people. Some participants and observers, now aged 95-110, still live in Southern Mexico, and still remember the causes & passions that animated the politics of their younger days. In this film, these lively survivors look back at the Revolution, its outcome, & its legacy. They show us how much — or how little — their lives have changed. Joining us will be activist Kevin Batt, just returned from a visit with today’s Zapatistas in Chiapas. Free. Room: MIT 66-110. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Bible Study.** Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is “YES!” Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterward. Free. Room: 4-149. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

**7:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball.** Cleveland Cavaliers vs Boston Celtics. Room: Fleet Center. Sponsor: GSC Activities.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Sangam Movies.** Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to [sangam-request@mit.edu](mailto:sangam-request@mit.edu). Free. Sponsor: Sangam, GSC Funding Board.



Saturday, January 10

10:00 a.m. – Varsity Wrestling North South Duals. Free. Room: DuPont Athletic Center.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study. Currently studying the gospel of Luke. Free. Room: Edgerton Apt. 221. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Isshinryu Karate Workout. Traditional Okinawan Karate in a Small Club Environment. Free. Room: DuPont Exercise Room. Sponsor: Isshinryu Karate-do at MIT.

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Movie Trilogy. Free. Room: 4-270. Sponsor: MIT Bangladeshi Students’ Association, GSC Funding Board.

5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Tech Model Railroad Club Meeting. Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Sangam Movie Special. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Sangam, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Patrol. Travel to strange new classrooms. Meet interesting, unusual people, and kill them! Patrol is a high-action game of live combat with rubber-dart guns. Shoot your friends, then watch out as they try to take their revenge. Free. Room: 36-115. Sponsor: Assassins’ Guild, MIT.

Sunday, January 11

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Ashdown Sunday Brunch. Sunday Brunch. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Ashdown House.

1:00 p.m. – Varsity Squash vs. Navy. Free. Room: Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center Squash Courts.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Hungarian Movie Night. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Hungarian Student Association of MIT.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – International Folk Dancing (participatory). International folk dancing. Teaching and beginners’ dances from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. A mixture of all skill levels from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Our repertoire includes dances from Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Greece, and others) as well as other parts of Europe and the rest of the world (Israel, France, Russia, even England and the US). Free for

MIT/Wellesley students; suggested donation \$1 from others. Room: Student Center La Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

Monday, January 12

4:00 p.m. – Biological Chemistry Seminar: Tom Tullius, Dept of Chemistry, Boston University. Tom Tullius, Department of Chemistry, Boston University, will be giving a seminar in biological chemistry. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Chemistry.

7:00 p.m. – MIT Western Hemisphere Project: Open Meeting. We hold informal sessions throughout the year to discuss events in the news and to work on Project activities. If you want to just chat about these things, or if you want to join in and help organize, we’d love for you to attend. Free. Room: MIT 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Western Hemisphere Project.

Tuesday, January 13

7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study. Currently studying “Experiencing God” (Blackaby and King). Free. Room: Eastgate. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship.

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Contra Dance for All: Beginner’s night. Caller: Tony Saletan. Live Music and Dance with a partner (we’ll provide) and a group to jazzy live music. All dances taught; all skill levels welcome. Contra Dance is a traditional American form of folk dancing, directed by a caller and accompanied by exciting live music. It uses easy-to-learn walking steps. You dance with a partner, changing partners each dance, in a line of couples called a ‘set’ and interacting with your partner and all the other couples in a biggroup-theoretic pattern. A caller first explains each dance in a ‘walk-through’ and then continues to prompt you during the dance. Light refreshments are served at the break halfway through. Every other Tuesday. MIT students free; other students \$3; non-students \$5. Room: Building 13 Lobby. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club. Music for Robin.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Underwater Hockey. Free. Room: Z-pool. Sponsor: Scuba Club.

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – LIVEmusic@theEAR: Dan Katz. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

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Deluged with spam? In this column, we revisit the topic of spam filtering with SpamAssassin and discuss the new changes made to MIT’s SpamAssassin configuration.

*Question: What is SpamAssassin?*

*Answer:* SpamAssassin is a mail filter that allow users to control the junk mail they receive, and has been available to the MIT community since February 2003. It uses a set of rules to give each incoming e-mail message a numerical spam score. Messages with scores greater than a configurable threshold get marked as spam, allowing users to deal with them appropriately.

SpamAssassin tags your e-mail so that you can filter and delete messages that might be spam. While this service is optional and not enabled by default, we recommend that you use it if you get a lot of spam.

Keep in mind, however, that the filter is not perfect, so you should do at least a cursory check of your suspected spam before deleting it.

*Question: How do I enable SpamAssassin?*

*Answer:* If you are using an IMAP mail client, such as Evolution, Mozilla, Outlook, or Athena Pine, you can have all messages marked as spam filtered into a separate folder automatically. Simply create a new folder in your INBOX named Spamscreen.

Warning: If you create such a folder, you will not be able to use POP mail clients, such as Eudora, SIPB Pine, or nmh, to view e-mail tagged as spam.

For information on configuring SpamAssassin’s settings, or enabling spam filtering with non-IMAP mail clients, you can refer to our March 14 column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2003columns/2003-03-14-spamassassin/> and the I/S Spam Screening Web page at <http://web.mit.edu/is/help/nospam/>.

*Question: How do I get zephyr notification of non-spam mail only?*

*Answer:* If you’re using zwgc, the default zephyr client, you can do this by typing:

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athena% zctl add mail inbox %me%
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Then, to remove this setting:

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athena% zctl del mail \* %me%
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For more information on zephyr, you can refer to our August 27, 2003 column at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/2003columns/2003-08-27-zephyr/>.

*Question: What’s new in SpamAssassin?*

*Answer:* In December, a new version of SpamAssassin was installed on each of the MIT Post Office servers. The major new feature is word-by-word statistical filtering, also known as Bayesian filtering.

This method analyzes messages considered spam and non-spam (called “ham”), and records what words are found in

each. When new mail comes in, it analyzes the words in the message and uses the previously recorded statistics to determine whether the message is spam. This method allows the filters to be constantly updated, and is generally very effective.

*Question: How do I alter what the Bayesian filter identifies as spam?*

*Answer:* This process — called training — is only possible using an IMAP mail client. If you have created a Spamscreen folder as described above, but receive a piece of spam that is misclassified, copy the mail to your Spamscreen folder. Each night, the filter will be trained using the mail found in that folder.

If you are using a graphical mail client, drag the message into the spam folder with your mouse. If you are using Athena Pine, press S (for Save), and then type Spam-screen.

Conversely, if a legitimate message ends up in the Spamscreen folder, you should train the filter so that it can avoid making the same mistake in the future. To do so, create a Hamscreen folder in your INBOX. Then, copy the legitimate message into the Hamscreen folder, and the filter will be trained with the message that night.

In both cases, after at least one night has passed, you can go back and delete these messages from the Spamscreen and Hamscreen folders as they are no longer needed. Note that all of MIT shares a common Ham and Spam training database, so you will also benefit from other users’ training.

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# Students Hold Candlelight Vigil for Missing Student

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A Massachusetts state police officer stationed in Boston said that Mun's information has been entered into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center system. "All the known information is put there," he said.

According to the FBI Web site, the NCIC system is a collection of national databases that include information about wanted criminals, missing persons, and stolen property. "If [Mun] shows up in California and the police put his name into the system, they can trace that he's missing and suggest that he give

someone a call," the officer said.

**Students cope with disappearance**

Randolph said that MIT Medical has visited Chi Phi to help students deal with Mun's disappearance, and that counselors have been made available to them.

"We're trying to use all the

resources we have" to help the students, he said.

"Students are going through a rough time, trying to think positively and keep a daily routine," said David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

Duvall said that at Chi Phi,

"things are better than they were before we left" for winter break and that people appeared to be in better spirits.

A candlelight vigil was held at the fraternity on Dec. 15. "That went well," Duvall said. "About 120 people were in attendance, and it lasted about 40 minutes."



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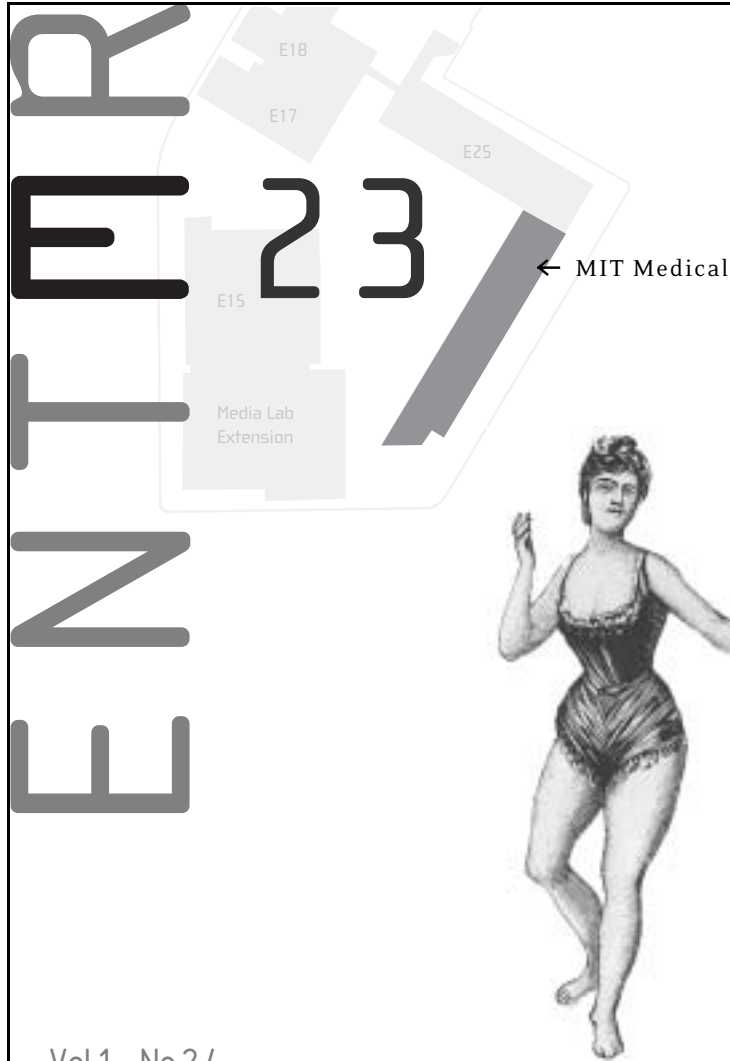
MIT students hold a candlelight vigil for missing brother Daniel S. Mun '05. Friends of Mun and members of the MIT community were invited to attend the vigil. Mun has been missing since Dec. 4.





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### Tattoos, Piercings, and Brandings, Oh My!

Thinking about getting a tattoo, piercing, branding, or scarification? What do you need to know before jumping into the wonderful world of body art? Come to this session to learn about health and safety considerations and how to choose a studio or artist. **January 8, 12:30-2 p.m., 4-237**

### The Clinical Approach to Managing Stress

Within seconds of perceiving a threat, your body releases adrenaline and other chemical messengers that prepare you to jump higher, run faster, and hit harder. Blood pressure rises, certain senses become more acute, and temporarily unnecessary body functions, like digestion, growth, and reproduction, shut down completely. This “fight or flight” response was a life-saver for our hunter-gatherer ancestors in their occasional encounters with saber-toothed tigers. But in the modern world, this hardwired reaction, which can be triggered in response to everyday stresses, has been linked to physical illnesses ranging from skin disorders to heart disease. Come to this workshop to learn how you can improve your health by using better ways to cope with stress. **January 13, noon-1:30 p.m., 4-231**

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# Von Hippel Survived By 4 Sons, Daughter

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Von Hippel’s outspokenness and defense of the underdog made him beloved by his students but not always within the engineering establishment, according to another son, Frank of Princeton, NJ.

According to an MIT Web site account, when von Hippel was notified of his election to the National Academy of Engineering in 1977, he said, “It appears that my friends have outlived my enemies.”

As a child, Eric A. von Hippel MS ’68, a professor of management at MIT, used to accompany his father to work. “I used to run around corridors, sticking my head in other offices and labs to see what they were doing,” Eric said. When Eric told his father he wanted to be a firefighter, von Hippel brought him to MIT to see what they knew about firefighting.

“He taught us how to be professors by bringing us down there to learn more about the things we were interested in,” Eric said. He also said his father’s students were loyal to him because of the way he taught.

“They thought he was so cool. Instead of a formal exam he would invite them in for a chat, with apple pie, ice cream, and tea, and at the end he would give them a grade,” he said.

Von Hippel lived in Weston for the last 65 years of his life. In addition to his sons Eric and Frank, von Hippel leaves two other sons, Peter of Eugene, Ore., and Arndt of Anchorage; a daughter, Maianna of Needham; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. A public memorial service will be held at MIT at a later date.

# Davis Thwarted in Mayor Bid, Galluccio Drops Out Before Vote

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room deals that local political junkies savor and councillors seem increasingly eager to avoid.

Davis apparently believed that she had the support of five councillors going into the meeting. “I had higher aspirations,” she said, visibly shaken, as her only comment after the meeting.

In an apparent attempt to undermine Sullivan’s bid, two of the councillors supporting Davis initially (Brian Murphy and Denise Simmons) later changed their votes to Councillor Kenneth Reeves to entice him to change his vote from Sullivan to himself and therefore force the election to a second ballot.

**Galluccio drops bid before meeting**

Former mayor and top vote getter in the general election, Anthony D. Galluccio, made a strong run for

mayor in the pre-inaugural campaigning. “I had ... [a] commitment of four votes today,” Galluccio said shortly after the meeting.

Galluccio said that he attempted to secure a fifth and decisive vote from Councillor David Maher who has a political outlook and voting base similar to Galluccio’s but was unsuccessful. Galluccio decided “after a couple restless nights” to release his supporters of their commitments and allow Sullivan to be elected instead of dragging the mayoral election beyond the inaugural meeting.

Galluccio characterized this mayoral election as a referendum on Cambridge’s mayoral system. He said that he favors reforming the city’s charter to allow for a democratically elected mayor. Galluccio said that he gave up his bid so that a mayor could be chosen at the inaugural meeting in order to enhance

the prestige of the mayor’s office and to allow school committee business to begin immediately. “I obviously made a sacrifice today,” he said. “I care too much about this city” to delay the mayor’s election.


Under Cambridge’s “weak mayor” system most of the day-to-day business of the city is handled by an appointed city manager. Galluccio said that he wishes to retain the city manager form of government rather than move to a “strong mayor” government.


Other councillors also criticized the mayoral election system. Maher called it “electioneering.” “It’s too bad there isn’t a more civilized way to do this,” he said.

Galluccio’s arrangements also helped pick the vice chair. Galluccio gave his support to Marjorie Decker in the vice-chair election, he said. The same five councillors who elected Sullivan elected Decker.

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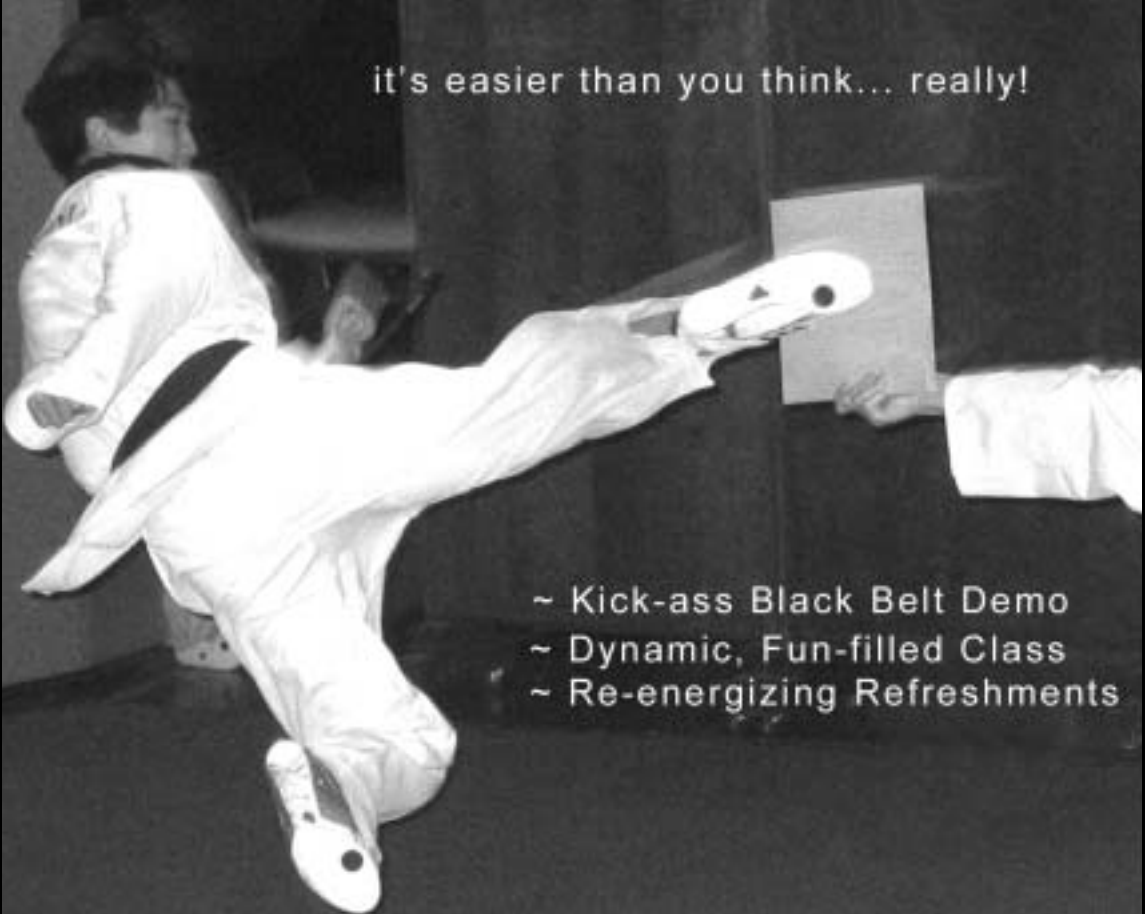
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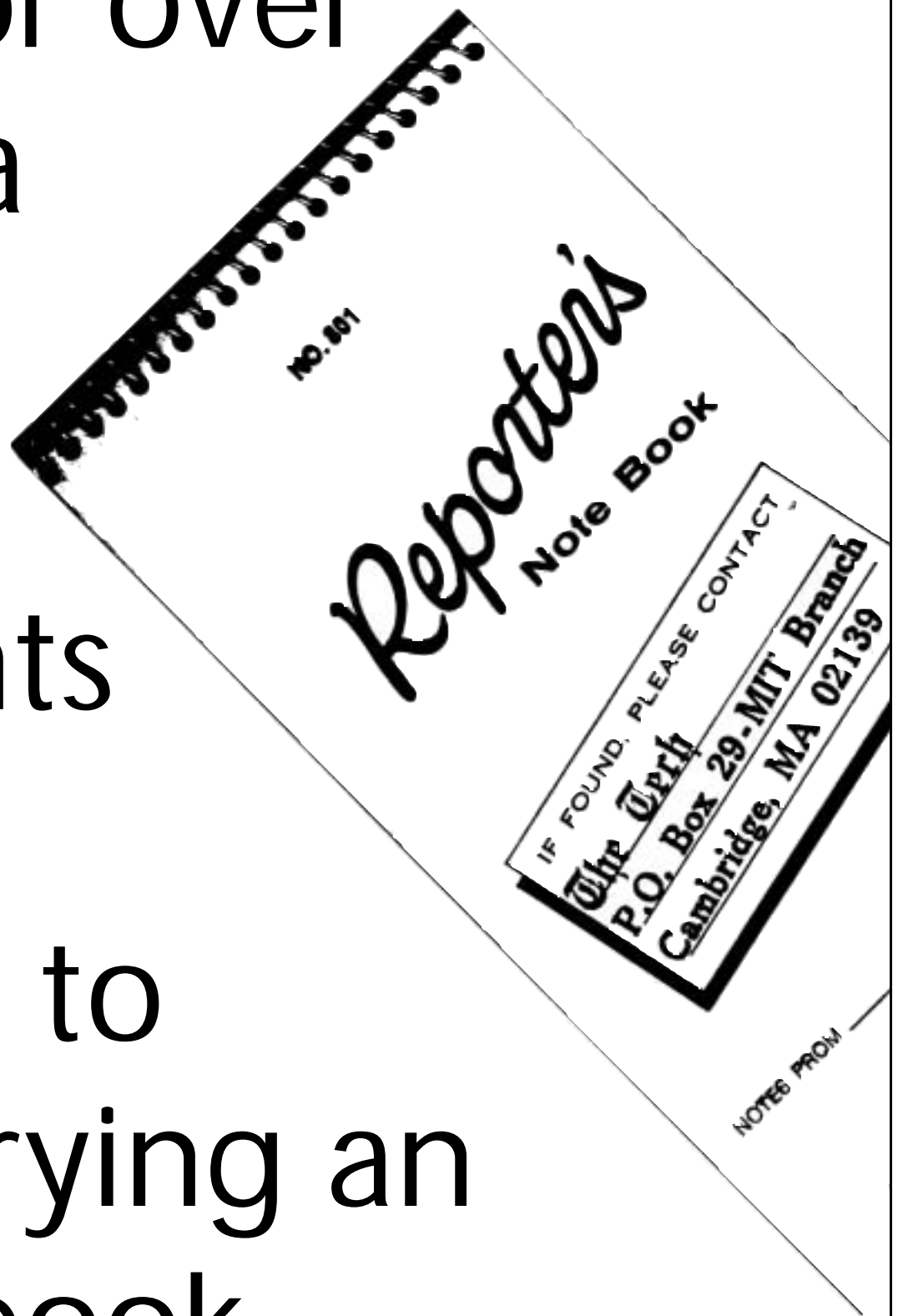
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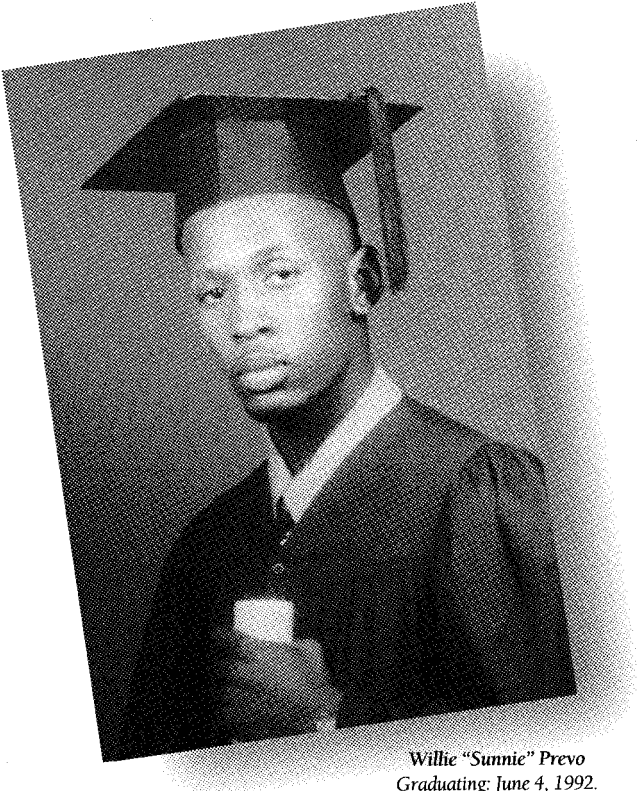
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# Housing for Fall '04 Uncertain As Suspension Ends Mid-Sept.

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moving into dormitories this term, she said. Of these, two will be moving into Burton-Conner, three into East Campus, three into Next House, and three into Senior House.

Hohm said that about ten members had found their own apartments or houses off campus, and that none were living in other fraternities or independent living groups.

**Three members to live in house**

Three people will inhabit the fraternity house during the suspension period. This will include two fraternity officers and the resident advisor, said David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. He said three members of the fraternity must live in the house according to the Cambridge License Commission's ruling because that is the minimum number required to keep the building open. No more than three members may be in the house at any time.

According to the Interfraternity Council sanction, which was mirrored by the CLC, the fraternity will not be allowed to hold any events in the house, said Daniel Trujillo, associate dean for community development and substance abuse.

**Housing for fall 2004 uncertain**

"DKE has been offered housing only through spring term," said Assistant Director of Housing Denise A. Vallay. "We are always crowded in the fall term and we are not sure what is going to happen in the fall."

DKE has been suspended from its house from Dec. 22 until the end of Rush in fall 2004, Trujillo said.

Rush will end on either Sept. 12 or Sept. 19, said IFC President Daniel H. Daneshvar. This leaves the members possibly without housing for up to two weeks of the fall term.

**Members asked to explore options**

After meeting with the FSILG office and DKE members, brothers were asked to look into off-campus housing and other FSILGs as housing options, Nilsson said.

Vallay said, "We told them that we would be able to accommodate them in the spring if they could not find other housing, but also encouraged them to explore their other options."

Students seeking on-campus housing were assigned depending upon when the students would be returning to MIT, Vallay said.

Assignments were made by hand after the housing transfer lottery, Nilsson said.

**Dormitory students unconcerned**

"As far as I am concerned, it's only two more guys on the hall, and we will deal with it," said Christopher M. Vogt '06, hall chair for Fifth East at East Campus.

"We have complete confidence that they [DKE members] will soon be assimilated into the culture," said Julian K. Wheatley, EC housemaster.

However, housemasters on the whole were resistant to placing people in dormitories when they had not chosen to live there. "The resolution was to break them up into smaller groups so that any one dorm would not have to take all of them," Wheatley said.

**FSILG office working with DKE**

The FSILG office has started working with DKE on certain issues, such as a comprehensive evaluation of chapter life, relations with the IFC and MIT community, and enhancing academics and culture, Trujillo said.

The IFC plans to conduct leadership training sessions with DKE officers to help them maintain the strength of their brotherhood, said Daneshvar.

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# MIT Dancers Brave the Elements, Fare Well at Tufts

By Jessica Lee  
TEAM MEMBER

Despite the snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow on Boston, the notice that the Tufts University Ballroom Dance Competition would take place on Sunday as planned arrived by e-mail Saturday afternoon.

Valiant participants braved the drive on icy roads, the \$15 taxi fare, or the twenty-minute hike through the winter wonderland between the Davis T stop and the university to dance in sleeveless, backless, skirtless Latin costumes in an unheated gym. Indeed, the weather took its toll on participation: attendance was cut by over one-half. With fewer people, events ran ahead of schedule. Yet even in this sparse setting, the MIT team performed brilliantly. The team has had a winning season in fall 2003, and the trend continued at Tufts, especially at the newcomer level.

The ballroom dance team saw an influx of shining newcomers this fall, dominating at Harvard and at Brown, the two largest competitions of the season. Newcomers qualify as those who have been dancing only since September 1, 2003. At Harvard, 17 institutions were in attendance, and MIT couples placed first in both newcomer events. At Brown, 32 schools competed, and MIT took two out of the six spots in each newcomer final, except American Foxtrot, and was only a single point behind first place in the Christina Cryan Newcomer Team Match.

Perhaps more astounding is the consistency with which some newcomer couples throttled their opponents. Not every member of the team has a steady partner, but those newcomers who do have one seem well-paired to say the least. Vladimir Dizhoor and Esther Ryvki-

na '02 placed first in every event they entered at Brown except American Foxtrot. Jonathan Lyles and Donna Nguyen placed in every newcomer event at Cornell's October competition, taking first in American Tango and International Waltz. Joe Pompei PhD '02 and Jin Zhou G took first place in six out of eight events at Tufts, competing against 40-60 couples in each event. The other two newcomer events, American Cha Cha and Swing, were won by Philip Kong MBA '02 and Rayane F. Moreira.

MIT truly dominates not only in quality but also in sheer strength of participation at all levels. We sent 66 competitors to Tufts, outnumbered only by Harvard and Tufts. At the open level, MIT took first or second place in every style: Bill Liteplo SM '00 and Michelle Goldhaber, first in the American Rhythm 5-dance; Bill Liteplo and Ika Setyawati, second in the American Smooth 4-dance with Eric R. Nielsen SB '00 and Michelle Goldhaber fifth; Carlos A. Lopez SB '03 and Genevieve T. Cuevas G, second in the International Latin 5-dance.

MIT swept first through fourth place in the Open Standard 5-dance category: Tom Nugent SM '99 and Reena Freedman in first, Boris Berdnikov SB '98 and Carrie L. Sougnez in second, Bill Liteplo and Ika Setyawati in third, Dejan Mircevski and Danielle Brown in fourth. In Standard and Latin, every experience level except one saw an MIT couple in the top five.

The ballroom dance team members who made the trek to the Tufts competition that snowy Sunday in December were well rewarded. By the end of the day, the snowfall had ceased, and the competitors emerged with 35 ribbons: 14 firsts, 7 seconds, 3 thirds, 11 finalists, and golden prospects for the spring 2004 season.



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SPORTS

MIT Taekwondo Kicks Back at Cornell Meet

By Radhika Jagannathan  
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT Sport Taekwondo team took an overall second to Cornell at the INCTL tournament held there on Saturday, Nov. 22. The relatively small number of total competitors and the massive team Cornell was able to field at home helped them win back some pride after their loss to MIT at the same tournament one year ago. MIT now lags behind Cornell by 168 points in the overall league standings.

MIT had a strong performance in the forms competition. Richard Sinn '06 clinched the gold in a huge men's Black Belt division, while Erica Y. Chan '07 took silver in women's Black Belt with her stunning sidekicks. Both MIT men and women Red Belts did well, with Margaret H. Cho '04 placing first in a large, competitive division and Bobby B. Ren '05 taking third. MIT women dominated in Blue Belt forms with Stephanie K. Lee '06 taking first and Radhika Jagannathan '05 taking second. Likewise, MIT brought the best men's Green Belt forms in the league with Brandon R. Kam '06 taking first and Ryan B. Huang '06 clinching second after performing his form three times to win a three-way tie. Rene R. Chen '07 made the team proud by placing third in the White/Yellow Belt division at her first tournament ever.

The women's A1 team (Chan, Wendy M. G. Pierce '05, Cho) finished third after a loss to the Cornell A1. The team faced the two-man Princeton A1 team in their first match of the day. Middleweight Pierce used her height advantage to lead on head shots and used her footwork to keep her opponent away to clinch the match and push the A1 team into the semifinals. Though Chan won the lightweight semifinal match against Cornell A1 4-3, Pierce faced a very experienced middleweight and came up short. The deciding match was with heavy-weight Cho who delivered two solid back kicks which would have tied the score at 2-2; however, the corner judges did not score the points even when the center referee stopped the match to poll the judges, costing the team the win.

The men's A1 team (Ren, Conor F. Madigan G, Sinn, Andrew D. Selbst '04, Alt.) sparred fantastically, finishing in second place. With the continual improvement of Ren and strategic alternating of Madigan and Sinn between the middle and heavy-weight spots, the team easily advanced past the Royal Military College of Canada A2, University of Buffalo A1, and Cornell A1 to the finals against the University of Pennsylvania A1. Though Madigan's quick footwork and shrewd defense won him a huge come-from-behind 5-2 victory in the heavyweight spot, Sinn took a narrow loss on the middleweight round, and Ren was injured early in the match, forcing him to forfeit. The men finished in second place in the competitive division.

Both women's C teams finished in third place. Women's C1 (Sandra

M. Yu '06, Alicia Y. Zhou '06, Mihae Chang '07) advanced past a one-man team from Columbia and then lost to UPenn C1 in the semifinals, despite Yu's 9-7 win. Women's C2 (Rene R. Chen '07, Sharon A. Lawrence '07, Laurel J. Ng G) advanced 3-0 against Buffalo C1 before falling to Cornell C1 in the semifinals. Ng showed significant improvement, winning both of her matches to anchor the novice team.

Against all numerical odds, both men's C1 (Kam, John C. Ho G, Taras Gorishny '07) and C2 (Huang, Mike J. Childress '05, Ben S. Lu '07, Jerry W. Chao '05, Alt.) placed, clinching second and third in an enormous division, featuring nine full C teams from Cornell alone. All three C1 men sparred aggressively to advance past Cortland C2, Westpoint C3, and Cornell C1, with a notable 9-0 shutout by Kam in the semifinals. The team lost to New York University C1 in the finals to take the silver.

Meanwhile, MIT C2 advanced past Cornell C4 and Cortland C1 to the quarterfinals against West Point C4. A strategic move by coaches Christina S. Park G and Richard Sinn placed Chao in to hold the lightweight spot and bumped up experienced Huang to middleweight. Despite a nine inch and thirty pound difference, Huang used his speed and quick footwork to out-maneuver his opponent, taking the team to the semifinals, where they were defeated by eventual-champions, NYU C1. When asked about his experience sparring middleweight, Huang had this to say: "Me being a gigantic 5'3" and 137 pounds, you could say I was a little nervous going in the ring. I quickly found out that thirty pounds is hard to work. ... I remember scoring a solid shot right in the middle of his chest and just staggering backward from the recoil."

The MIT women's B1 team (Jaime Lien '05, Delphine M. D. Dean G, Cho) advanced past a two-woman UPenn team but fell to a strong Cornell B2 to take the bronze in the intermediate division. Despite losses by Lien and Dean, Cho stepped up to spar the heavyweight to whom she had lost in the A1 semifinals. Leaving no room for error, she sparred with confidence, clearly dominating with kicks out of the clinch to win 3-1.

The men's B1 team (Ren, Ho, Gorishny) returned to their hallowed position in first place of B team sparing. The team advanced past Buffalo, Cornell B3, and UPenn B1 with solid wins all around, including a knockout by Ren in the quarterfinals. Despite a surprising loss by Ren in the finals against NYU B1, Gorishny fought a grueling match against the same NYU heavyweight he had lost to in C-team finals. But Gorishny's herculean effort was not in vain, for he won the match 9-8, leaving Ho to spar the decisive match. Ho came through with a spectacular 5-1 win, clinching the gold for the intermediate team.

MIT finished in second place overall, 140 points behind Cornell, but almost 200 points ahead of third place U. Penn. The team looks forward to its next competition at Princeton University in February.

Do We Need More Than Just Mens et Manus?

By Yong-yi Zhu  
COLUMNIST

Looking at MIT, it seemed perfect, Mens et Manus: Mind and Hand. We can conquer the world with just these two things. Take MIT students, for example. We not only have the brainpower to do our problem sets, but we are able to survive physically the all-nighters and the constant sleep deprivation. Of course, the sports world is no different. If you had the physical talent and the mental smarts, you could excel at any sport. What I wondered was whether we needed more than that.

The thing that made me think hard about this happened a couple of weeks ago, less than a week before Christmas. As I sat watching football in those joyous times, there was a news report that Brett Favre's father had passed away. At first, nothing took me by surprise because I'm used to hearing about deaths on TV. However, once I realized that the Packers were going to play on Monday night, I thought twice.

The Packers were in the middle of the playoff hunt, playing an Oakland Raider team that had some weapons to use in the role of spoiler. If Favre didn't play, the Packers would not only miss his leadership but also miss his 45,131 career passing yards and his 341 touchdown passes. Yet amidst all the gaudy statistics that Favre had accumulated for himself, there was one that stood out far and above the rest: the streak. Up to that point, Favre had started 204 straight games; that's 12 straight seasons without missing a start, 12 years without missing a day of work. It seemed like now was the time to sit and mourn for the death of his father. In a way, the fact that his father would be the reason to stop the streak seemed fitting. Favre's father had begun Brett's football career; Irvin was Brett's high school coach.

So what did Favre do? Not only did he not sit the game, but Brett Favre did the complete opposite of

what everyone expected he would do. But then again, we should know better than to expect less from Favre.

Favre came out smoking, throwing for four touchdowns in the first half. Afterwards, he said that the reason he played was because his father would have wanted him to. And his father definitely would have wanted Brett to lead his team into the playoffs.

I felt emotional just watching that game. It takes talent to win a football game. It takes smarts to pick apart a defense. It takes heart to win with extreme pain. Sure, I saw heart being used to perfection during that game, but was it appreciated as it should be?

In this day and age, we often take results much more seriously than we take effort. Losing a game is usually seen as failure, even if the players played their hearts out.

Many times, our sports teams are ridiculed for consistently losing. What we often forget is that there are individuals behind those teams who truly want to achieve. We merely judge a team by the record at the end of the season. Sports have an easy way of measuring winning and losing; life is very different since failure to one may be success to another. Yet we continue to measure people by the results. Millionaire and you have it all: brains, brawn, and heart; without that, you're without respect.

But I wonder, had Brett Favre not thrown those four touchdown passes, and not won the game, would we have felt as much respect for his performance? We would be second-guessing his decision to start the game. It was a respectable move, but then, we would not find it so logical. Maybe it is time to re-evaluate the way we judge success and failure. Maybe it's time to rethink our motto. Instead of simply mind and hand, we should value mind, hand, and heart.

MIT Swimming Dominates Wheaton

By Victoria Anderson  
TEAM MEMBER

The MIT men's and women's swimming and diving teams improved to 4-1 and 5-1, respectively, with victories over Wheaton College in their final competition of the fall semester on December 12, 2003. The women took Wheaton 169-114, while the men earned a 153-106 decision over the Lyons.

For the women's team, in the 200-yard medley relay, Jennifer A. L'ao '05, Monica W. Chu '07, Aasia Saleemuddin '04, and Monica F. Morrison '04 placed first (1:55.93); and Erin M. Zoller '05, Moria C. Chambers '06, Jessica A. Harpole '07, and Kathryn M. Duffy '04 placed second (1:57.45). The Beavers continued to build their lead in the first individual event as Katherine C. Thornton '07 and Maryann E. Racine '06 swept the top two spots in the 1650 free (17:46.92 and 19:53.64). Thornton's time was well below the national provisional qualifying time (17:59.99), and both her final 1650 time and 1000 splits were new school records.

MIT were dominant in the 200 free, with L'ao (2:05.43), Rebecca E. Jimenez '07 (2:11.27), and Elizabeth A. Whitehead '07 (2:13.77) taking the top three spots. In the 100 back, Zoller (1:04.44) was first, and Laura B. Shimmin '05 (1:07.91) was third, while Chu continued the MIT victory streak in the 100 breast (1:11.95). The 50 fly closed out the first round of stroke races, with Saleemuddin (28.67) and Thornton (29.63) taking first and third, respectively.

The Beavers swept the third free event of the meet when Duffy (24.67), Morrison (24.72), and Zoller (26.32) took first, second, and third, respectively, in the 50 free. The sprinters were also strong in the 100 free with Duffy (53.36) and Mabel Y. Feng '06 (57.94) finishing first and third, respectively.

In the second round of stroke races, the 50 back saw a one-two finish by L'ao (30.81) and Cynthia M. Adams '04 (32.07), while Chu took another victory in the 50 breast (33.11) and second in the 100 fly (1:03.65).

Continuing the team's winning streak in the free events, Thornton took first in the 500 free (5:19.45), while Lindsey R. Sheehan '07 (5:54.19) and Whitehead (5:54.88) were second and third, respectively. Closing out the individual events, L'ao (4:51.23) and Zoller (4:56.80) were first and third in the 400 IM, respectively. In the final event of the meet, the 200 free relay of Racine, Jimenez, Thronton, and Saleemuddin was second (1:49.97), and the team of Victoria K. Anderson G, Harpole, Shimmin, and Chu took third (1:50.73).

In the men's events, MIT started out strong by taking the top three spots in the 200 medley relay. Craig J. Edwards '07, Joseph P. Carlucci '05, Jonathan A. Goler G, and David H. Friend '07 were first (1:39.58); David R. Coleman '04, Jeffrey B. Gilbert '05, Matthew N. Styczynski '04, and Erdem M. Kiciman '04 were second (1:43.81); and Nathan H. Vantzelfde '04, Peter M. Coles '07, Neil J. Kelly '06, and Matthew G. Angle '07 were third (1:43.81). The men continued to dominate the meet in the first two free races, with Edwards (16:55.12), Mark Y. Liao '06 (17:07.39), and Angle (17:46.90) taking first, second, and third, respectively, in the 1650 and Kiciman (1:52.56), David D. Lohrey '05 (1:53.22), and Daniel R. Jacobs '05 (1:56.57) taking the top three spots, respectively, in the 200.

The Beavers suffered their first event loss in the 100 back with Maik Geng (57.28) and Coleman (1:00.17) touching second and third, respectively. The team came back in the next two stroke events, as the 100 breast saw a one-two-

three finish by Carlucci (1:00.54), Jeffrey J. Pan '07 (1:04.98), and Jesse M. Smithnosky '04 (1:05.07); and the 50 fly saw one-two-three finish by Goler (24.83), Styczynski (24.99), and Jacobs (25.64).

In the sprint free events that followed the first round of stroke races, Friend (23.42) and Michael D. Dimitriou '06 (23.79) were first and second, respectively, in the 50, while Kiciman (50.52) was second in the 100. MIT started the second round of stroke events by sweeping the 50 back and breast, with Edwards (24.72), Geng (26.77), and Styczynski (27.06) taking the top three spots, respectively, in the backstroke; and Carlucci (27.77), Smithnosky (30.30), and Coles (30.71) finishing first, second, and third, respectively in the breast. Closing out the stroke events with the 100 fly, Goler (55.51) and Styczynski (55.63) nabbed a one-two finish, respectively.

The 500 free and 400 IM gave the Beavers two final event sweeps. In the 500 free, Liao (4:56.78), Jacobs (5:09.03), and Angle (5:20.40) were first, second, and third, respectively, while Geng (4:21.45), Smithnosky (4:36.70), and Kelly (4:36.98) took the top three spots, respectively, in the 400 IM.

Though the top official entry in the men's 200 free relay was the third-place team of Carlucci, Dimitriou, Pan, and Andrew W. Lee '07 (1:34.00), the unofficial mixed relay of Duffy, Morrison, Vantzelfde, and Kiciman (1:32.10) touched first, ahead of the five all-men's relays.

In the diving events that occurred concurrently with the swimming competition, Nicole F. Hou '04 won the women's one and three-meter events (192.22 and 192.82, respectively), while Jaryn E. Finch '04 was third on both boards (134.25 and 126.47, respectively). For the men, Mikko A. Solomon '07 was also third on both boards (130.87 and 141.30, respectively).

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